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Sir:

**REQUEST**

The Examiner is requested to confirm in a further communication that the formal drawings filed May 29, 2003, are acceptable or advise the undersigned of any specific objection or rejection of the same.

The present paper is not being filed in response to the Office Action of July 28, 2004. The present paper is being filed as the Office Action of July 28, 2004, does not indicate the status of the indicated filed formal drawings.

Respectfully submitted,

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